

## Art Share

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*“Whatever one possesses becomes of double value when we have the opportunity of sharing with others.” Bouiffy*

Chapter members have stories to share and chapter meetings are a great time to share our art stories with our DKG sisters. Untold treasures are waiting to be discovered within your chapter! Many members have a musical talent or interest to share. Perhaps a student group from one of the local schools could perform as the program at a meeting. Share music by playing a CD featuring your favorite musician or a recording of a member’s musical performance during lunch or social time.



Have a member prepare a short presentation related to the arts for a chapter meeting. It could be as simple as a display of a special collection set up to be enjoyed during registration or social time during the meeting. Perhaps an array of women’s garments spanning the decades of your chapter’s history, a variety of quilts created by members, cultural items from travels, or a selection of projects from Lambda State’s Creative Arts Retreat. A brief explanation of the items could be incorporated with the display. A more in depth presentation could include a member sharing how they became interested in the collection as well as a brief the history of the items.

The poets and writers in your chapter could share their stories and poems at a meeting. Poems or short stories written by members could be displayed as a part of center pieces on tables at lunch. A lesson on effective writing practices or poetry techniques as a chapter program could inspire a budding writer in your group. Sharing easy journaling ideas might encourage a mother or grandmother to create a special memory book for a child.



Another type of presentation could be a “make it - take it” project for members. Many easy paper projects are practical at chapter meetings such as card making, scrap booking, or simple book art. A card making project could easily become a community service project for the chapter by making cards for our military service people, children in the hospital, or Valentines for seniors or veterans. Perhaps a chapter member can share a skill they have so the chapter can create items for Art Mart or Chapter Bazaar. Many fun jewelry projects involve recycled paper, fabric, fibers, beads, and even unusual materials such as potatoes! Other recycled possibilities include using mismatched glassware, candle holders, and plates to create beautiful serving items. Many of these materials are available at thrift stores and garage sales for minimal prices.

Each member has some special interest or talent just waiting to be shared with her DKG sisters!